

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:**I claim:**

1. (Currently Amended) A billiard training ball having a ~~generally~~ spherical outer surface, comprising:

(a) a ~~substantially~~ an opaque round inner core, ~~having a predetermined size~~, that visibly serves as a target at which to aim a cue stick when addressing said billiard training ball, and

(b) a ~~sufficiently~~ transparent outer covering ~~of a predetermined size~~, surrounding and encasing said inner core ~~means~~, wherein said outer covering displays said inner core ~~means~~ and provides an outer surface circumference,

whereby said billiard training ball can be used as a device to practice cueing technique when striking said outer surface of said billiard training ball with the cue stick directed toward said inner core, in order to impart spin or no spin while limiting deflection to said billiard training ball.

2. (currently amended) A billiard training ball having a ~~generally~~ spherical outer surface, comprising:

(a) a ~~substantially~~ translucent round inner core ~~having a predetermined size~~, that visibly serves as a target at which to aim a cue stick when addressing said billiard training ball, and

(b) a ~~sufficiently~~ translucent outer covering ~~of a predetermined size~~, surrounding and encasing said inner core ~~means~~, wherein said outer covering displays said inner core and provides an outer surface circumference,

whereby said billiard training ball can be used as a device to practice cueing technique

when striking said outer surface of said billiard training ball with the cue stick directed toward said inner core, in order to impart spin or no spin while limiting deflection to said billiard training ball.

3. (currently amended) A billiard training ball having a ~~generally~~ spherical outer surface, comprising:

(a) ~~a substantially~~ an opaque and translucent inner core having a predetermined size, that visibly serves as a target at which to aim a cue stick when addressing said billiard training ball, and

(b) ~~a sufficiently~~ transparent and translucent outer covering ~~of a predetermined size~~, surrounding and encasing said inner core ~~means~~, wherein said outer covering displays said inner core and provides an outer surface circumference,

whereby said billiard training ball can be used as a device to practice cueing technique when striking said billiard training ball with the cue stick directed toward said inner core in order to impart spin or no spin while limiting deflection to said billiard training ball.

4. (previously presented) The billiard training ball of claim 1, wherein said inner core appears larger to the human eye than it actually is.

5. (currently amended) The billiard training ball of claim 1, wherein said inner core has an actual diameter of between ~~18-19 mm~~ 0.71 - 0.75 inches (18-19mm).

6. (previously presented) The billiard training ball of claim 1, wherein said billiard training ball is approximately the same weight as a standard cue ball.

7. (currently amended) A method of using a billiard training ball having ~~[[a]]~~ ~~substantially an~~ opaque ~~and/or~~ and translucent round inner core ~~of a predetermined size~~ and a ~~sufficiently~~ transparent ~~and/or~~ and translucent outer covering ~~of a predetermined size~~, comprising the steps of:

aligning a cue stick with the training ball; and

striking the training ball with the cue stick directed toward the round inner core in order

to impart spin or no spin while limiting deflection to the training ball.

8. (previously presented) The billiard training ball of claim 2, wherein said inner core appears larger to the human eye than it actually is.

9. (currently amended) The billiard training ball of claim 2, wherein said inner core has an actual diameter of between ~~18-19 mm~~ 0.71 - 0.75 inches (18-19mm).

10. (previously presented) The billiard training ball of claim 2, wherein said billiard training ball is approximately the same weight as a standard cue ball.

11. (previously presented) The billiard training ball of claim 3, wherein said inner core appears larger to the human eye than it actually is.

12. (currently amended) The billiard training ball of claim 3, wherein said inner core has an actual diameter core of between ~~18-19 mm~~ 0.71 - 0.75 inches (18-19mm).

13. (previously presented) The billiard training ball of claim 3, wherein said billiard training ball is approximately the same weight as a standard cue ball.

14. (currently amended) The billiard training ball of claim 1, wherein said inner core has an actual diameter of ~~27 mm~~ 1.06 inches (27mm).

15. (currently amended) The billiard training ball of claim 1, wherein said inner core has an actual diameter of ~~25 mm~~ 0.98 inches (25mm).

16. (currently amended) The billiard training ball of claim 2, wherein said inner core has an actual diameter of ~~27 mm~~ 1.06 inches (27mm).

17. (currently amended) The billiard training ball of claim 2, wherein said inner core has an actual diameter of ~~25 mm~~. 0.98 inches (25mm).

18. (currently amended) The billiard training ball of claim 2, wherein said inner core has an actual diameter of ~~27 mm~~. 1.06 inches (27mm).

19. (currently amended) The billiard training ball of claim 3, wherein said inner core has an actual diameter of ~~25 mm~~. 0.98 inches (25mm).

20. (new) The billiard training ball of claim 1, wherein said inner core has a greater density than said outer covering.

21. (new) The billiard training ball of claim 2, wherein said inner core has a greater density than said outer covering.

22. (new) The billiard training ball of claim 3, wherein said inner core has a greater density than said outer covering.

23. (new) The billiard training ball of claim 7, wherein said inner core has a greater density than said outer covering.